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: Jackowski et al.

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: Biopolymer Marker Indicative of  
Disease State Having a Molecular  
Weight of 1348 Daltons

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

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